

Torrance Bond Sales Reach \$262,486 Up To Date, Lee States

A total of \$262,486 to apply toward the \$625,000 quota allotted to the Torrance area in the Third War Loan Bond sales campaign was reported this morning by Hillman Lee, chairman of the local War Bond Campaign committee. This is less than 45 per cent of the total and it is going to take a lot of hard work during the next week to reach the designated goal, Lee declared.

The Treasury Department advised Lee that \$90,000 had been credited to Torrance's quota by bond sales made by industries having operations in this immediate area, but did not reveal detailed information.

A substantial boost was given the Torrance quota by the Southern California Edison Co., which allocated \$30,000 of its purchase to this city. In all, the company purchased over a half million dollars' worth of Third War Loan bonds which were distributed among 84 communities, according to C. Bartlett, district manager. The district share totaled \$90,000, Bartlett reports.

A boost was given the Lomita quota by the Southern California Edison Co., which allocated \$40,000 of its sales to that community.

With only a week more to go and Torrance's total sales still far from the desired goal, Chairman Lee urges that extra efforts be put forth during the next few days if this community is to cash in on earlier expectations of rounding out the desired sales to place this city "over the top" in this third gigantic attempt to raise \$15,000,000,000 in the nation-wide "Back the Attack" drive to support our fighting men on the far-flung global battle fronts.

Latest Washington advices reveal that less than \$3,000,000,000 is yet to be raised throughout the country, but Secretary Morgenthau of the Treasury Department says the goal must, and will be reached, but it will mean that everyone who can should buy bonds, and more bonds.

Locally, Chairman Lee has experienced difficulty in getting in reports plants to send in their reports promptly, which may be one of the reasons for the apparent lag insofar as the local campaign is concerned. It is known that a number of the industrial corporations having units here and elsewhere have made allocations which are to be divided among them. It is these reports that Chairman Lee is anxiously waiting for to help swell Torrance's total sales to somewhere near where they should be at this stage of the drive.

The 11 Southern California counties have a \$22,000,000 quota to make up in this drive. Indications point that they still have a long way to go and Robert H. Moulton, war finance chief for this district, says the tempo of the concerted drive on the pocketbooks of all income earners must be stepped up. Civilian defense organizations have begun an active house-to-house canvass. Object of most, at least, is to see at least one war bond in every family.

The Treasury Department has stressed the fact that the men fighting the Axis in Italy, the South Pacific and in every other theater of war expect every citizen to make sacrifices if necessary to "Back the Attack" with limit purchases of more bonds.

DRUNK DRIVER FINED

Fred Ortega, 2073 South Main st., Los Angeles, arrested in Torrance for violation of section 502 of the Motor Vehicle code (drunk driving) was cited before Judge Otto B. Willett Friday. He was adjudged guilty of the charge and fined \$75.

Torrance Group Called on to Consider Post-War Work Plan

Post-war planning for this community will be discussed tomorrow evening by a group of representative citizens at a meeting called especially to exchange ideas regarding the problem faced by every village and city in the country when the present global conflict is ended. "There must be a beginning," said E. C. Buxton, chairman of the group interested in the movement. "My view is that we should get together here an organization for teamwork along with other organizations including the city council, by laying the foundation upon which to map our program in the future. The idea is to be prepared to meet situations that are bound to arise in the future and not to wait until the war is over," he stressed.

Mr. Buxton is one who believes the post-war effort, insofar as Torrance is concerned, is to center local effort around a sound public works program, how it can be financed, etc. Strictly social problems are matters which come within the functions of the national government and there is little individual communities can do about them, it was asserted.

"It is a public works program after the war that should be the basis for future planning. We must be prepared to find jobs for the young men now fighting this war when they come home, we must take care of the young men coming up, but who are now too young to go to war. These are some of the things we must think about," Mr. Buxton asserted.

The group invited to sit in on the initial discussions, Mr. Buxton repeated, include Hillman Lee, Sam Levy, James L. Lynch, William H. Tolson, Earl Conner, Mrs. James McManus, Fay Parks, Grover C. Whyte, James Hitchcock, Jack Hallan and R. E. Cushman.

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Army Motorcycle Rider Killed In Accident Monday

Last Monday Torrance police officers found the body of Sgt. Norman Thiede, Coast Artillery, near the intersection of Hawthorne and Sepulveda blvds. He apparently had been dead several hours. Police reported the discovery to Army authorities who ordered the body taken to an undertaker in Los Angeles.

Sgt. Thiede was reported riding a motorcycle at the time of his death. Details of the accident have not been released by the Army.

Housing Project Wants Torrance Sewage Outlet

The city council has authorized City Engineer Glenn Jain to enter into negotiations with the city of Los Angeles for an agreement which will permit the Southwest Homes, Inc., owner of a subdivision at 203rd st. and Western ave. to dispose of 25 of one second foot of sewage into an existing 24-inch sewer line within the city of Torrance.

A tentative agreement has been drafted which stipulates that only sewage from this subdivision shall be dumped into the local line, and that no additional sewage shall be allowed into this line without additional capacity being granted to the city by the Defense Plant Corp. or its successors; that the quitclaim and agreement between the Defense Plant Corp. and the city of Torrance be amended to allow the city of Torrance to accept sewage into its portion of the line from territory outside the city of Torrance.

The proposed agreement also stipulates that the city of Los Angeles shall bear the cost of maintenance of the line outside the boundaries of the city of Torrance, and that no additional sewage shall be permitted to be dumped into the Torrance lateral system other than that originating within the present boundaries of the Southwest Homes, Inc., area without an additional agreement between the city of Torrance and the city of Los Angeles.

The Southwest Homes, Inc., which recently filed the sewage application with the city engineer, is now constructing 223 dwelling units for defense workers in its subdivision at 203rd st. and Western ave.

New 2-Family Dwellings to Cost \$36,000

Six new two-family dwellings are to be erected on Arlington ave. in Torrance by S. J. Katz, Beverly Hills builder, who has filed applications for permits in the office of the city engineer.

All are to be built in block 1, tract 3758. Total cost of the six structures is estimated at \$36,000 or \$6,000 each. The exact locations are described in the applications on Arlington ave. as follows: 2016-2022; 2116-2118; 2410-2412; 2422-2424; 2428-2432; 2436-2438.

Red Cross in Need Of Volunteer Sewers

The Torrance Chapter of the American Red Cross has issued another call for women to volunteer their services in sewing for men in the armed services of the United States.

Mrs. Maude Lock, production chairman at headquarters, suggests that there may be organizations in the city willing to sponsor sewing work at least one day per week. She can be reached at phone Torrance 1524.

Guard at Goodyear Plant Seriously Hurt

Henry Haynes, 927 Valencia st., Los Angeles, employed as a guard at the Goodyear synthetic rubber plant on South Vermont ave., was seriously injured in an auto accident on the swing shift early Wednesday morning. An ambulance was summoned and the injured man taken to a hospital. Haynes was employed at the main gate used by the Ford J. Twait Co., contractors.

Wilton Hodge Convicted on Four Counts; Jury Frees His Brother

Gordon and Wilton Hodge, aged 23 and 18, respectively, who, early Monday morning, Sept. 13, gave Torrance police officers a merry chase which ended in a dry ditch in the Palos Verdes Hills about ten days ago, were on trial before a jury in city court all day last Tuesday. Gordon was freed on two counts filed against him — malicious mischief and disturbing the peace. His brother, Wilton, however, did not get off so easily. He faced five counts — disturbing the peace, reckless driving, speeding in restricted zones, failure to stop for the police car which gave pursuit and malicious mischief. The jury returned a verdict of conviction on the first four mentioned and acquittal on the fifth count. Judge Willett entered an order releasing Gordon and imposed sentences on Wilton this forenoon.

In sentencing Wilton Hodge, the court took into consideration the minor importance of at least two of the charges for which he was found guilty, and suspended jail sentences. But for violation of section 510, speeding, and section 554 of the State Motor Vehicle code, failure to heed a police siren and lights, two sentences of 60 days in the county jail were imposed. These are to run concurrently.

The jury which decided the fate of the two brothers consisted of Hubert Thompson, Mrs. Gladys Obole, Phillip B. Clayton,

Pauline Grubb, Hazel Pigg, Katie Ortman, Orville Hudson, Jane Burger, Arthur C. Golden, Marguerite M. Nuekles, Mrs. Hugh Nourse and Michael L. Fenwick. The jury was charged shortly before 5 o'clock when the members retired to the jury room to deliberate on the evidence produced during the day's trial. They reported ready to give their verdict after having been in consultation about an hour.

Among the prosecution witnesses were Bernice Boughn, Lila Morris and Jack Petty who were in the Busy Bee cafe at the corner of Cabrillo and Marcellina aves., where the depredations allegedly began. It was about this time that the police gave chase over a circuitous course toward the Palos Verdes Hills, the fleeing suspects escaping apprehension by the officers. The following morning the car which the pair had driven was found in a wrecked condition in the hills, which had escaped notice of police the evening before while the chase was on due to darkness and clouds of dust. Gaining the number and name of the license of the car, the two men were traced to their home at 721 Amapolia ave., where they were placed under arrest and taken to the police station where they were placed in jail in default of \$500 bail set by Judge Willett. Arraigned in court the brothers demanded a jury trial.

Abalone Street Sewer Plan Is Approved

Two projects of particular interest to the Doak Aircraft Co. were given approval at the adjourned regular session of the city council late last Friday afternoon.

The Doak company was given permission to construct a four-inch 125-foot sewer line across city property to connect with a trunk line to service two additional buildings at the plant, one of which is expected to be completed by Oct. 1.

Two other projects concern principally sidewalks and curbs on Abalone st. and Cabrillo ave. The Doak company agrees to pay the cost of 327 feet of sidewalks and curbs in front of its plant on Abalone st. and 800 square feet of pavement in the entrance driveway to the plant. In this connection the city engineer was authorized to proceed with the work of replacement of approximately 250 feet of sidewalks and curbs on these thoroughfares.

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DRUNK DRIVER FINED

Willis R. Haley, 3227 Midvale st., West Los Angeles, came to Torrance early in the week and received a police citation for drunk driving. Appearing before Judge Otto B. Willett in city court Wednesday morning he was fined \$75. He paid the amount over to the court clerk and departed.

A Substitute for Hell



Somewhere in New Guinea these wounded soldiers await evacuation. Flat on their backs, in the steaming heat of the jungle, where mosquitoes plague the air and ants and mosquitoes torment weary bodies, they dream of home... of clean white sheets and the touch of cool, comforting hands. You can help provide modern hospitals and the medicines they need for their recuperation by putting every dollar you can into War Bonds during the Third War Loan.

Capt. Frank Gunn Wants Ice Cream Freezer for Army

Mrs. Frank R. Gunn, who lives at 2408 Gramercy ave., has received a letter from her husband, Capt. Frank R. Gunn, with the Army somewhere overseas, probably in the Italian theater of war, who has requested his Torrance friends to donate a ten-gallon ice cream freezer to his outfit seeing combat service abroad, Co. U, 302nd Ordnance Regiment.

Mrs. Gunn believes she can arrange with the local Red Cross for shipment of the freezer overseas. The captain's address is in care of the above named organizer, A.P.O. 763, care Postmaster, New York City, N.Y.

211 Give Blood At Red Cross Bank on Monday

Two hundred and eleven persons appeared at the Red Cross Blood Bank in the Civic Auditorium Monday and each gave a pint of blood as their contribution toward helping to save the lives of men of Uncle Sam's fighting forces on the far-flung global battle fronts, according to a report made by Mrs. O. A. Kresse, blood bank chairman of the local Chapter of the American Red Cross.

By a strange coincidence, she explained, exactly the same number appeared Monday as there were at the blood bank here on last Aug. 9.

Mrs. Kresse revealed that the "Gallon Club," comprised of persons who have given a gallon of blood since Jan. 30, 1941, was increased by the addition of Paul Vonderahe, a Columbia Steel Co. employee, and a resident of this community for many years. Other members of the club are Marie LePont of Lomita, an employee of the Torrance Steam Laundry, and Raymond Yard, an employee of the National Supply Co. of Torrance and a resident of Redondo Beach. Each member of the club was given a ribbon, emblematic of special distinction in rendering outstanding service to their country through the Red Cross.

Mrs. Kresse was hopeful that Torrance would meet its September quota, which has been raised from 200 to 300 pints—but it fell short of that goal by just 89.

The next blood bank to be held in Torrance will be on Nov. 29 and Mrs. Kresse has advised that all of those who participated in the blood giving here last Monday will be eligible to repeat the operation at that time.

The Mobile Blood Bank unit here last Monday is the largest in Southern California, and is equipped with 14 beds. An Army physician was in charge of this unit.

Since establishment of the first blood bank here in Jan. 30, 1941, records show that 1549 pints of blood have been donated by persons in this community, and out of this total 1351 pints were given this year, Mrs. Kresse stated.

Marshall J. Loftus Enters Army School

Pvt. A/S, Marshall J. Loftus, 18, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Loftus, 1312 West 218th st., Torrance, has arrived at Northwestern State University College, Alva, Okla., for courses of Army Air Forces instruction lasting for approximately five months prior to his appointment as an aviation cadet in the Army Air Forces.

Upon completion of the course he will be classified as a pilot, navigator or bombardier and go on to schools of the Flying Training Command for training in these specialties.

Elementary School Enrollment Gains

Enrollment at the Torrance Elementary school was increased Monday and Tuesday of this week by 40, bringing the total to 826, according to Bernhard J. Strand, principal.

The school still has two vacancies in the faculty which school authorities have been unable to fill up to now. Strand urges former teachers, or others who may be qualified, to place applications for these jobs.

Youth Commission Meeting Sept. 27

The Torrance Youth Commission will meet Monday evening, Sept. 27 at 8 p.m. in the courtroom of the city hall. All members and interested persons are requested to be present.

Thomas F. McNeil Shoots Japs With Camera and Gun

By SERG. W. C. O'ROURKE
Marine Combat Correspondent
Somewhere in the South Pacific, Thomas F. McNeil, photographer second class, U.S.N., of 1744 Andree ave., Torrance, jumped from a Liberator B-24 bomber the night of July 26 and yelled: "Boy it's in my blood now!"

The young sailor had a reason to be thrilled—he had just completed the second raid in as many days on the Japanese-held Wake Island by Army Air Force bombers.

As a combination photographer and machine gunner, he witnessed the death of seven Zeros, the probable destruction of five others, and the damaging of three more.

The two-day smash at the Japanese base cost the enemy 16 Zeros definitely shot down, nine probably destroyed and eight damaged.

McNeil's parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. D. McNeil, live at 1744 Andree ave.

TO BAKE DOUGHNUTS

Alma's Pastry Shop, 1925 Carson st., has announced that it will prepare a lot of doughnuts to be given away when the next contingent of Torrance boys departs for induction.

Harnish Hopeful for Solution of Manpower Shortage in this Area

Immediate decision to speed the emergency recruitment of a large force of construction workers to meet the existing critical manpower problem marked the first joint business sessions of the new Southern California Area Production Urgency and Manpower Priorities committees this week.

Bus Service To Redondo Starts Today

Direct bus service from Torrance to Redondo Beach was inaugurated today by the Torrance Municipal Bus Lines, it was announced by C. Z. Ward, manager.

For the convenience of patrons, the bus route includes circuits within the business sections of both cities. The line also extends as far north as the Torrance plant of the Aluminum Co. of America on 190th st.

Ten-cent fares will be charged between Redondo and Torrance, as well as Redondo and Alcoa plant. Five-cent fares will be charged between any two points within the city of Torrance east of Hawthorne blvd. Likewise nickel fares will be collected from local passengers boarding the buses west of Hawthorne blvd. to any point in Redondo.

A route map of the new service, and a complete schedule are published elsewhere in this issue. The new Redondo service will be maintained every day, including Sundays and holidays, Ward states.

Hotel Royal to Be Turned Into Housing Units

The War Housing Center in Torrance today received the first official information that a lease had been signed with owners of the Hotel Royal bldg., 1205 Border ave., with the advice that the structure is to be converted into 24 family units which are to be rented to Caucasian race workers in local industrial plants.

The conversion will provide for ten two-room units and 14 three-room units. The lowest rental will be \$27.50 up to \$40 monthly, according to Pat McDonnell, local housing center manager.

Each unit will be equipped with a kitchen range, refrigerator and bath facilities. Heating, gas, electric and water are to be furnished with no additional charge, it was stated.

Red Cross Can Use Castoff Woolens

There is an urgent need for discarded articles of woolen clothing to be made into lap robes for servicemen, according to Mrs. E. A. Lock, Red Cross production chairman.

While a number of ladies have responded to the call for knitters to work on trigger units, there is still need for these articles, she stated.

Boys Scout Court of Honor Meeting Date Postponed to Oct. 29

Because the Torrance high school auditorium will not be available tomorrow night, the date set for the Boy Scout Court of Honor meeting in the Torrance-Lomita area, the meeting has been postponed to Friday, Oct. 29, according to a statement from official sources.

Alvarez Admits Guilt In Local City Court

Manuel Alvarez, arrested by local police recently on the charge of assault and battery and who changed his mind about having a jury trial to plead guilty to the charge, was given a suspended sentence of 180 days in the county jail. The court decreed, however, that he must spend 15 nights in the city jail and work four Sundays around the police station washing police cars, and doing other jobs that may be assigned to him, Chief John Stroh reported.

St. Andrew's Church of Torrance Designated Independent Parish

St. Andrew's Episcopal church of Torrance became an independent parish this week when the request of the congregation of St. Andrew's Mission to organize a parish was acted on favorably by the standing committee of the diocese of Los Angeles.

The Rt. Rev. W. Bertrand Stevens, bishop of the diocese, gave his consent to establish the new parish as of Sept. 15.

The St. Andrew's congregation at a special meeting elected men to serve on the official board of the church, known as the vestry, as follows: Wallace Post, Hugh Barnes, Robert Lessing, Carl Lane, Frank Church and Burleigh Rice.

The Rev. Paul Moore Wheeler, who has served as vicar, becomes the Rector of St. Andrew's Parish by election of the vestry. Wallace Post, by appointment of the Rector, becomes senior warden of the vestry.

Plans are now being formulated for a two-day celebration of the event, as well as consecration of the church building. Date for this function has been set for Oct. 24 and 25.

Funeral Rites Held For Carl W. Dunn

Funeral services were held Tuesday, Sept. 21 for Carl W. Dunn, 54, who passed away suddenly at Long Beach at 1 p.m. last Friday, from the McMillan mortuary chapel at Gardena.

He is survived by his wife, Lillian J. Dunn and two daughters, Mrs. Homer Schooley and Mrs. J. P. Fluhrer, both of Torrance; also by his father, John Dunn, of Gardena, and two grandchildren.

The deceased, pioneer of Gardena, was well known in Torrance, having lived for a number of years here at the home of Mrs. Schooley.